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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the holding of abandonment is in error.

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A Notice of Abandonment for this case was mailed on May 6, 1999. In an interview on August 10, 1999, the Examiner recognized that the Notice of Abandonment had been issued in error and agreed to revive the case. That agreement is evidenced in the Interview Summary Record. As is discussed below, it appears that that Interview Summary Record was misplaced within the Patent Office file. Whatever the reason, the Patent Office failed to revive the application, as it had agreed to do in the interview. Since the time of the interview, no event has occurred to provide a basis for holding the application abandoned and no additional Notice of Abandonment has been received by the Applicants. Thus, the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn and the application should be held as pending. Moreover, an Amendment filed August 10, 1999, the same day as the interview. placed the Application in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Application be allowed.

Background

On July 28, 1998, Applicants received a Notice of Allowability allowing claims 33-37 and 39-48. Payment of a \$1320.00 issue fee was due on October 28, 1998. On October 14, 1998, Applicants filed a Petition Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) to Withdraw Application From Issuance, along with the appropriate petition fee of \$130.00 (copy enclosed). Applicants noted in that Petition that the "claims of the application contain interfering subject matter with the claims of issued U.S. Patent No. 5,466,861 . . . " and further noted that a request for interference would be filed separately. That October 14, 1998 filing was adequate to withdraw the case from issuance as potential

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interference provides "good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary." See 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a).

Inspection of the Patent Office file history of the Application (obtained through a third-party service, DigiPat, Arlington VA) showed that Applicants' Rule 313(a) Petition was not in the file and was not recorded in the application "Contents." Notwithstanding Applicants' request for withdrawal from issuance, the application was mistakenly abandoned by the U.S. Patent Office, as evidenced by the "Notice of Abandonment" mailed on May 6, 1999. According to the notice, the application was considered abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee.

Upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, Applicants promptly contacted Examiner Killos and confirmed that the abandonment was issued in error. Examiner Killos agreed to correct the mistake and act on the application. On August 10, 1999, Applicants conducted an in-person interview with Examiner Killos, which is memorialized in the Examiner Interview Summary Record (copy enclosed). That Interview Summary Record confirms that the application should not have been abandoned. See id. (providing Examiner's comments: "Case to be revived.").

Applicants note that this Interview Summary Record appears to have been misfiled by the Patent Office, which may account for the lack of follow-up. When Applicants obtained a copy of the file history, the Interview Summary Record was notably absent from the Contents listing. Upon careful examination of the file, however, the August 10, 1999 Interview Summary Record was found between an Interview Summary Record dated January 8, 1997 (paper No. 10) and an Office Action dated February 24, 1997 (paper No. 11). Perhaps that misfiling of the August 10, 1999 Interview

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Summary Record, along with the failure to assign a Paper Number or to catalog the document in the Application Contents, contributed to the inadvertent failure of the Patent Office to recognize that abandonment had been withdrawn.

Also on August 10, 1999, the same day as the interview, Applicants filed an Amendment (copy enclosed). In that Amendment, Applicants cancelled claims containing subject matter that potentially interfered with U.S. Patent Nos. 5,466,861 and 5,837,725 to Dawson, et al. The remaining claims, having received a thorough examination on the merits, were thus placed in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect was anticipated by the Applicants.

Applicants thereafter filed a Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney on July 9, 2001. Then, having not received any correspondence from the Patent Office following the August 10, 1999 Interview and Amendment, Applicants filed a Status Inquiry on November 26, 2001. The Patent Office did not respond to that Status Inquiry. Applicants filed another Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney on November 1, 2002 and, having not received a response to the Status Inquiry filed November 26, 2001. Applicants inquired as to the status of the application using the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

Applicants were surprised to learn that as of July 24, 2003, according to the PAIR system, the last four entries in the file history, were:

- (1) Item Number 27 Mail Notice of Allowance, July 28, 1998;
- (2) Item Number 28 Abandonment for Failure to Pay Issue Fee, May 6, 1999;

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- (3) Item Number 29 Mail Notice of Abandonment from Publications, May 6, 1999; and
- (4) Item Number 30 Correspondence Address Change, November 25, 2000.

Thus, the PAIR system and File History for the application do not reflect a number of documents filed by Applicants and/or recorded by the Examiner in this case. Specifically:

- (1) the Examiner Interview Summary Record dated August 10, 1999, was found in the Patent Office file, but not in the expected location and not indexed in either the file history contents or the PAIR system;
- (2) the Amendment filed by the Applicants on August 10, 1999, is absent from Patent Office records; and
- (3) the Petition Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) to Withdraw Application From Issuance, filed on October 14, 1998, is neither present in the file history nor indexed in either the file history contents or PAIR system records.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that Patent Office error in misplacing or misfiling the documents listed above mistakenly resulted in failure to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the two documents dated August 10, 1999 (i.e., item (1) the Examiner Interview Summary Record, and (2) the Amendment) demonstrate that the Patent Office acknowledged that the application was mistakenly deemed abandoned and agreed to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Since August 10, 1999, no event has occurred that provides a statutory basis for abandonment. Moreover, Applicants have not received a Notice of

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Abandonment other than the original Notice mailed May 6, 1999, which the Examiner agreed to withdraw.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Applicant provides the required petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required by this submission to our Deposit Account No. 50-2613.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL HASTINGS JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP

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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.313(a) TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUANCE

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.313(a), applicants of the above-identified patent application hereby petition and request withdrawal from issuance of the application, for which applicants have received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated July 28, 1998.

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The reason why withdrawal of the application is necessary is so that an interference can be declared, since the claims of this application contain interfering subject matter with the claims of issued U.S. Patent No. 5,466,861 (Dawson et al.). Specifically, e.g., claim 48 of this application corresponds nearly identically to claim 13 of Dawson et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,466,861.

A Request For Interference will be filed separately by applicants.

Accompanying this petition is our check for \$130.00 for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §

1.17(i). The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 14, 1998

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Respectfully submitted,

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